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To: The Secretary

Through: S/S

From: S/AL - Llewellyn E. Thompson

Subject: Translation of report from [] l(1)

l(1) The following is a translation of information furnished by the
Havana: [] based upon a report from [] l(1)

"According to the Commander of the ship, whom I saw at great length yesterday, the "Oremburg," "Krasnograd," and "Kosimov" do not have in their cargo anything but infantry or field artillery ammunition -- the cases which they unloaded were both extremely heavy and of small volume (two meters by one meter by fifty centimeters average.)

l(1) "However, as these ships arrived at Havana only half loaded, and as this is not the custom for ships which make such a long and expensive voyage to a country which lacks many essential products, the [] Captain is persuaded that in the course of the quarantine the ships in question -- the two last at least -- have been obliged to discharge in a friendly port, perhaps at sea on other freighters, a great part of the arms or equipment which could have been on board before the twenty-second of October.

l(1) [] estimates that the relatively high speed of these freighters -- fifteen knots -- permitted them easily to go meanwhile to a Yugoslav port for example in order to unload the arms which could have been compromising."

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